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Pennsylvania Mink Pelt Production Down 7 Percent

HARRISBURG, PA, July 14, 2009 - - Pennsylvania mink pelt production in 2008 totaled 65,100 pelts, down 7 percent from 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2009 totaled 16,000, down 3 percent from the previous year. Forty one percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

United States' mink pelt production in 2008 totaled 2.79 million pelts, down 1 percent from 2007. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing state, produced 910,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing state, produced 549,700 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 2008 crop year, sold in 2009, were valued at \$116 million dollars, down 38 percent from \$186 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2008 crop year was \$41.50, down \$24.20 from \$65.70 in 2007.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2009 totaled 659,400, down 5 percent from the previous year. There were 274 mink farms producing pelts in 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Wisconsin with 71 farms, Utah with 65 farms and Idaho with 24.

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